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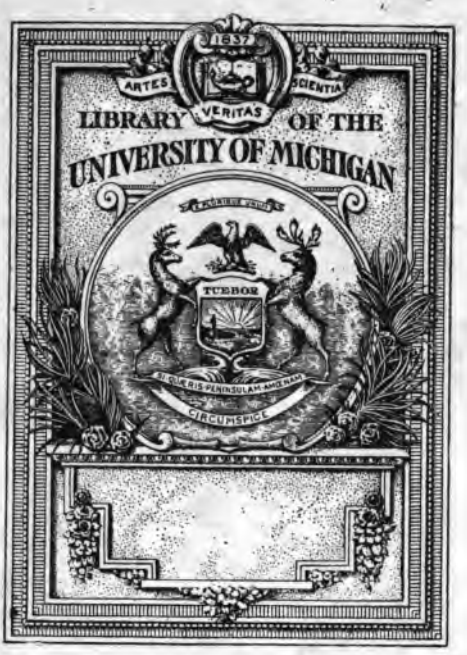

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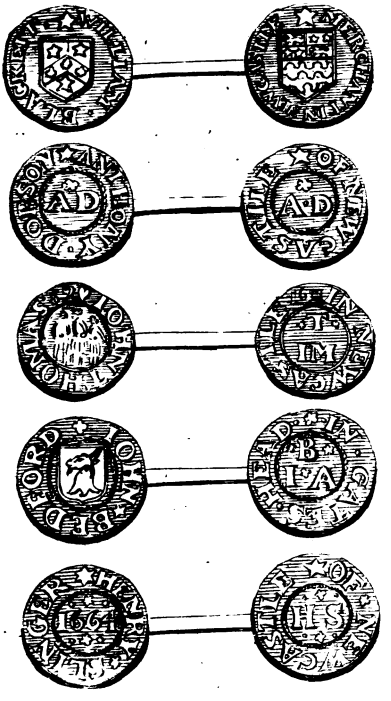

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THE

TRADESMEN'S TOKENS

(OF THE 17TH CENTURY)

OF

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

BY

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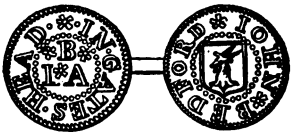

Tradesmen's Tokens:

LIST OF THOSE ISSUED IN NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

COUNTY OF DURHAM.

AUCKLAND.

1. *Obv.*—MICHAEL STOBBART. In the field, IN . BPP . AUCKLAND.
   Rev.—King's head, crowned. "God save the King."
2. *Obv.*—Arms, a chevron between three garbs. WILLIAM . CRADOCK.
   Rev.—IN . AUCKLAND. In the field, W. E. C.

BARNARDCASTLE.

1. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned, to the left. THOMAS . BVLL. 1666.
   Rev.—IN . BARNARD . CASTLE. In the field, HIS HALF PENY.
2. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned, to the left. MATTHIAS . SOWERBY.
   Rev.—IN . BARNARD . CASTLE. 1666. In the field, HIS HALFE PENNY.
3. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned, to the left. MICHAELL . ALDERSON . IN.
   Rev.—BARNARD CASTELL. 1666. In the field, HIS HALFPENY. M. A. A.
4. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned, to the left. ANTHONY MARKENDAILE.
   Rev.—IN BARNARD CASTELL. 1666. In the field, HIS HALFPENNY.
5. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned, to the left. GOD SAVE THE KING.
   Rev.—GEORGE SANDERSON. 1665. In the field, IN BARNARD CASTLE.
6. *Obv.*—CHRISTOPHER PINCKNEY IN. In the field, HIS HALF PENY.
   Rev.—BARNARD CASTELL. 1666. In the field, a crown, with C.E.P. below it.
   [Nos. 1 to 6, inclusive, are of the larger size.]
7. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned, to the left. GOD SAVE THE KING.
   Rev.—WILL . HUTCHINSON . IN. In the field, BARNARD CASTELL.
8. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned. GOD SAVE THE KING.
   Rev.—CHRISTOPHER . BURFEY. In the field, IN BARNARD CASTELL.
9. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned, to the left. MATHIAS . SOWERBY.
   Rev.—IN . BARNARD CASTELL. In the field, M. S.
10. *Obv.*—A rose, slipped. MATHIAS . SOWERBY.
    Rev.—IN . BARNARD CASTELL. In the field, M. S.
11. *Obv.*—Three fleurs de lis. ANTHONY MARKENDAILL.
    Rev.—IN BARNARD CASTEL. In the field, A. M.

BILLINGHAM.

1. *Obv.*—RICHARD CHAPMAN.* The mercer's arms.
   Rev.—IN BILLINGHAM. 1666. The King's profile, with flowing hair, crowned.

* The Chapmans were ancient freeholders in Billingham, (now a village, but formerly a more important place than Stockton).

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DARLINGTON.

1. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned, to the left. MICHAEL. MIDDLETON*. OF.
   Rev.—A crown. DARLINGTON. HIS. HALFPENY.
2. *Obv.*— } Similar to the last, but a smaller coin.
   Rev.— }
3. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned. RICHARD SCAIFE.†
   Rev.—Grocer's arms. IN DARLINGTON. 1666.
4. *Obv.*—King's head, to the left. ROBERT COARSON.
   Rev.—A roll of tobacco.‡ IN. DARLINGTON. 1666.
5. *Obv.*—B . . . . B . . . (BRANSON).‖
   Rev.— . . . . . .

* Michael Middleton was a weaver, and bought a new Manchester loom of the parish. It had been obtained for an unsuccessful attempt to establish an inkle or tape manufactory, pursuant to the provisions of Poor Howden's Charity.

† Scaife was a grocer, a freeholder, and a recusant in religion.

‡ The figure on Coarson's token has been called a loom, but it is evidently a roll of tobacco, Coarson being called a "tobackoman" in the register of 1658, and a merchant in that of 1667.

‖ This token is attributed to Darlington in *Richardson's Table Book.*

DURHAM.

1. *Obv.*—The crown, supported by angels. WILLIAM GREEVESON.
   Rev.—IN. DVRHAM. In the field, W. G.*
2. *Obv.*—Three fleurs de lis. WILLIAM. WILKINSON.
   Rev.—IN. DURHAM. 1661. In the field, W. W.†
3. *Obv.*—Pestle and mortar. WILLIAM. DENT.
   Rev.—APOTHECARY. 1666. In the field, IN DURHAM.
4. *Obv.*—King's head, crowned, with long hair, to the left. GOD SAVE THE KING.
   Rev.—WILLIAM. JORDAN. In the field, IN. DURHAM.
5. *Obv.*— } Rose, crowned. NIC. RICHARDSON.
   Rev.— } The letters N. R. A rose above and below. IN DURHAM. 1661.
6. *Obv.*— } JOHN RICHARDSON. 1664. Arms of Richardson, on a chief, three lions' heads erased.
   Rev.— }
7. *Obv.*— } Grocer's arms. WILLIAM ROPER.
   Rev.— }
8. *Obv.*— } Mercer's arms. GEORGE COMYNT and GEORGE COOPER. 1666.
   Rev.— }
9. *Obv.*— } Mercer's arms. JOHN STOKELD. 1661.
   Rev.— }
10. *Obv.*— } Mercer's arms. WILLIAM DIXON. 1663.
    Rev.— }
11. *Obv.*— } WILL. DIXON. AT. YE. In the field, W. D.
    Rev.— } King's head, full face, with flowing hair. IN DVRHAM. 1663.
12. *Obv.*— } The George and Dragon. JOHN PEACOCK. 1662.
    Rev.— }
13. *Obv.*— } King's head, with long hair, to the right. GEORGE HODSHON.
    Rev.— }
14. *Obv.*— } King's head. RALPH NICHOLSON.
    Rev.— }
15. *Obv.*— } The royal arms within the garter. CUTHBERT HUTCHINSON. 1664.
    Rev.— }

* Surtees [Hist. Durham] records one of these tokens as reading *Grieveson;* and Richardson [Table Book] another as reading *Greveson.*

† Richardson records two varieties of this token.

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A CURIOUS OLD TOKEN.—We have been favoured with the inspection of an old token, previous, we believe, to its being deposited in Crosthwaite's Museum. It is about the size of a fourpenny-piece of the present reign, but much worn. On one side the token is the head of Charles II., and on the reverse the words "William Jordan, Dvrham." This William Jordan, Esq., made his will as Mayor of Durham on the 28th of April, 1666. He seems to have been well off in the world, as he gives to his brother, George Jordan, his "nigroe boy;" to his loving friend, Mr. Stephen Thompson, alderman, his gray galloway; and, to his wife, six silver spoons; to John Hall, the younger, alderman, his sword and belt; to Mr. John Jefferson, councillor-at-law, a 20s. piece of gold; and to Mr. Gabriel Jackson, a new beaver hat, &c. He died in the year of his mayoralty. Sun Ad. May 1851

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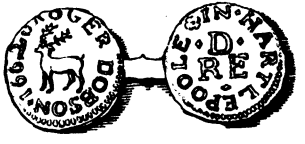

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16. *Obv.*— } Stationer's arms. WILLIAM . HUTCHE-
Rev.— } SON . BOOKSELLER.
17. *Obv.*— } The King's head. GOD SAVE THE KING.
Rev.— } JOHN CHILTON.*

* This legend is recorded in a Surtees MS. as *John*, but in his History of Durham as *R.* Chilton.

GATESHEAD.

1. *Obv.*—Arms, a goat's head.* JOHN . BEDFORD.† "See engraving"
Rev.—IN . GATES . HEAD. In the field, I. A. B.

* The goat's head shield is identical with the arms on the vestry chair made in 1666, and still preserved in the vestry.

† Mr. Bedford, who was a draper (we have been told) in the Bottle-bank, was one of Cromwell's "Four and Twenty" of Gateshead. The following entry is extracted from one of the old parish books :—

"The true Copy of the Order of His Highness the Lord Protector and His Honorable Counsill concerning the Change of the Four and Twenty of Gateside.

"Tuesday, 22 June, 1658.

"At the Counsil at Whitehall.

"Upon reading a certificate from Robert Fenwick, Henry Ogle, Esq., and John Topping, Governour of Tinmouth, touching the government of Gateside, in the county of Durham, in pursuance of an order of the 6th of April last, forasmuch as it appeareth that divers of the Foure and Twenty of Gateside are persons who, by the humble petition and advise, are disabled from exercising any place or office of publique trust, and guilty of profaneness and divers other crimes, so as they are not fit to be intrusted in that employment, ordered by His Highness and the Council, that ye present Foure and Twenty of Gateside aforesaid be discharged from exercising any power or authority in the said town, and that Mr. Thos. Weld, Jno. London, *Wm. London*, Jno. Partridge, Edward Spenser, Wm. Webster, Thos. Henderson, Christopher Sanderson, Charles Midleton, *Jno. Bedford*, Thos. Jeffery, Abram Smith, Lawrence Foster, Nehemiah Church, Rich. Hopper, Wm. Bell, Jno. Clarke, Robert Jackson, Symon Thursby, Francis Collingson, Christopher Gibson, Charles Grove, Jno. Willowby, Thos. Turner, inhabitants of ye saide towne, be and they are hereby nominated and appointed to be from henceforth the Foure and Twenty, there to exercise the same power and authority, and to doe all and every the things in reference to the said towne and the inhabitants thereof, and the election of officers, and of such as shall succeed in ye place of any of the beforenamed persons dying, and the former Foure and Twenty might lawfully doe and exorcise.

"HEN. SCOBELL,

"Clerk of ye Councill."

The following entries of Mr. Bedford's children occur in the registers of St. Mary's, Gateshead :—

Anne, christened August 21, 1662; John, buried January 23, 1662; Simon, christened November 26, 1663; Mary, christened December 26, 1664; John, christened January 22, 1665; Thomas, buried August 24, 1666; Marie, buried August 28, 1666; Samuel, christened April 22, 1666; John, buried July 19, 1667; Thomas, christened May 15, 1668; Samuel, buried April 1, 1668; Joshua, christened August 25, 1669; Alice, christened October 24, 1672; Jonathan, christened November 3, 1674, and buried February 8, 1675; Joseph, christened June 19, 1676; and Thomas, buried March 25, 1678.

HARTLEPOOL.

1. *Obv.*—A stag. ROGER . DOBSON.* 1662.
Rev.—IN . HARTLEPOOLE. In the field, R. E. D.

* Mayor of Hartlepool in 1662, and for several other years. He was buried January 3, 1668.

"See engraving"

LANCHESTER.

1. *Obv.*—THOMAS . GREENE . IN. In the field, T. E. G.
Rev.—A lion rampant. LANCESTER . TOWNE.

"Mr Boyne in his work (1858) places this to Lancaster"

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